

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Middle District of Pennsylvania

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WILKES BARRE

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MARY E. D'ANDREA, CLERK

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United States of America )

v. )

Case No. 5: MJ-09-41

ROSS SCARANTINO )

Defendant )

## CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, the complainant in this case, state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

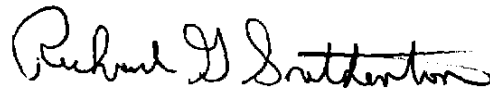
On or about the date of \_\_\_\_\_ in the county of Luzerne in the Middle District of Pennsylvania, the defendant violated 18 U. S. C. § 666, an offense described as follows:

in or about February of 2008, the defendant, in his capacity as Superintendent of Schools for the Pittston Area School District, did knowingly, intentionally and unlawfully corruptly accept and agree to accept, thousands of dollars in cash from another person, for the benefit of the defendant, intending to be rewarded in connection with the awarding of contracts by the Pittston Area School District, involving a thing of value of \$5,000 and more; and, within a one year period from the date of the commission of the offense, the Pittston Area School District received benefits in excess of \$10,000 under a federal program involving a grant, contract, subsidy, loan, guarantee, insurance and other form of federal assistance.

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

SEE ATTACHED AFFIDAVIT

x Continued on the attached sheet.



Complainant's signature

RICHARD G. SOUTHERTON, S.A., FBI

Printed name and title

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

Date: Apr 16, 2009


Judge's signature

City and state: WILKES-BARRE, PENNSYLVANIA

MALACHY MANNION, U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Printed name and title